

Remarks

In response to the election of species and restriction requirement in the Official Communication dated June 22, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the species of SPECIES 1, while reserving the right to file continuation and divisional patent applications directed to the non-elected species. Applicants respectfully submit that at least claims 1-33 read on SPECIES 1.

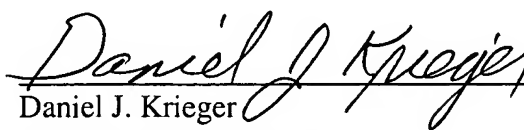
By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 34-58 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 1, 13, and 26 have been amended. Claims 59-61 have been added. Thus, claims 1-33 and 59-61 are presently pending in the above-identified application. Applicants submit that all of claims 1-33 and 59-61 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

If necessary, Applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this response be charged to the deposit account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comments arise during the course of consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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